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THE EPISCOPAL COMMITTEE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WANTED TO
GO ON RECORD AS OBJECTING TO THE PUBLISHED FINDINGS OF
INSPECTION VISITS TO THE DETENTION CENTERS, AND PARTICULARLY
TO THE INTERROGATION CENTER OF VILLA GRIMALDI.

THE CHURCH HAD COMPILED DECLARATIONS OF PRISONERS

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WHO WERE TORTURED AT VILLA GRIMALDI BY OFFICIALS OF THE
DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA).

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2.

HE HAD FOUND EVIDENCE THAT MISTREATMENT AND ABUSES HAD
TAKEN PLACE, HE WOULD NOT TAKE THE MATTER TO THE PUBLIC,
VIA THE NEWS MEDIA. IN ORDER TO
INFLUENCE THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MORE RAPID CORRECTIVE ACTION,
HE WOULD USE EVERY RESOURCE
AVAILABLE TO HIM IN THE CHILEAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO BRING
ABOUT CORRECTIONS OF A BUS E OF POWER BY THE SECURITY FORCES;
BUT, HE WOULD WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM TO ERADICATE SUCH
EXCESSES.

3.

WHEN HE VISITED VILLA
GRIMALDI, HE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF, ABUSES, NO EQUIPMENT OR
FACILITIES FOR SUCH ACTIVITY.
DINA MAY HAVE CEASED ITS MISTREATMENT OF DETAINEES AT
THAT CENTER. INVESTIGATION SHOULD GO BACK INTO
THE PAST. NOW HAVE EVIDENCE THAT
DETAINEES ARE BEING HELD IN TWO SEPARATE INSTALLATIONS
AGAINST PROVISIONS OF DECREE LAW 187 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE

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RECOGNIZED DETENTION CENTERS). THEY ADDED THAT ONE OF THE
CENTERS IS LOCATED NEAR THE GERMAN "COLONY" OF "LA DIGNIDAD"
IN PARRAL, LINARES PROVINCE, AND THE OTHER IS AN AIR FORCE
BASE AT COLINA (NORTH OF SANTIAGO).

4. [REDACTED] WILLINGNESS TO INVESTIGATE
ALL REPORTS, BUT HE ADDED THAT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO PREVENT
AN OVER-REACTION TO ALLEGED ABUSES. HE SAID THIS WAS
PARTICULARLY TRUE GIVEN THE CHURCH CAMPAIGN IN EUROPE
AGAINST PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET. COMMENT:

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5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE "LA DIGNIDAD COLONY" IS A
SMALL AND INTRIGUING PRIVATE COMMUNITY, WHICH WAS FOUNDED
AFTER WORLD WAR II BY GERMAN IMMIGRANTS, ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS
OF THE NAZI PARTY. ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT LEADERS OF
THE COLONY IS FRANK PFEIFFER. [REDACTED]

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THIS IS PRESUMABLY FRANK REIFFER, COMMANDER OF THE CHILEAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY, WHICH IS THE NAZI PARTY OF CHILE.

ATTEMPTED TO VISIT THE FENCED-IN COLONY DURING A VACATION TRIP IN THE AREA WITH A CHILEAN NAVY OFFICER. THEY WERE NOT PERMITTED ACCESS BEYOND THE GUARDHOUSE RECEPTION AREA.

AND WERE REQUESTED TO WAIT FOR A NINTERVIEW BY A DINA

ARMY MAJOR, WHO WAS DISPATCHED TO THE COLONY FROM THE

NEARBY TOWN OF PARRAL. WITHIN HOURS FOLLOWING THE

INTERVIEW, DINA'S DIRECTOR, COLONEL MANUEL

CONTRERAS, CALLED THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE

CHILEAN NAVY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE VISITORS' INTEREST IN

THE COLONY. NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN. IT IS

INTERESTING THAT THE COLONY IS NOT LISTED ON ANY OFFICIAL

MAP OF CHILE.

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